



MARCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1965



THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARCH

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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARCH

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1965

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my report for the year 1965 together with a report from the Public Health Inspector.

I wish to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health, Housing and Plans Committee for their interest and support and to my colleagues on the Council's staff for their assistance and co-operation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. BURNS

Medical Officer of Health.

General Statistics

Area in acres . . . . .	19,786
Population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate for 1965) .	13,180
Number of inhabited houses . . . . .	4,602
Number of dwellings owned by the Council . . . . .	913
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1966) . . . . .	£440,185
Amount represented by 1d. rate 1965/66 . . . . .	£1821. 3. -d

The area of the Urban District remained unchanged at 19,786 acres and the estimated population decreased by 60 to 13,180. The main employment is either industrial, the large railway marshalling yards being situated within the district boundary, or agricultural, the surrounding farm land being rich and fertile.

## Vital Statistics

### Live Births

Number	(Male	106)							
	(	)	Total.	.	.				202
	(Female	96)							
Rate per 1,000 population	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15.33
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	.	.							5.94

### Stillbirths

Number	(Male	2)							
	(	)	Total.	.	.				3
	(Female	1)							
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14.63

### Total Live and Stillbirths

(Male	108)								
(	)	Total.	.	.					205
(Female	97)								

### Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)

(Male	1)								
(	)	Total.	.	.					2
(Female	1)								

### Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	.	.							9.90
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births									4.95
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births									83.33
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.90
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.90
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	.	.	.						24.39
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)									
Number of deaths	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nil
Death rate per 1,000 population	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11.84



<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	7	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	2	9
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	7	16
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	14	26
Coronary disease, angina	20	13	33
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart disease	5	8	13
Other circulatory disease	-	1	1
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	8	7	15
Bronchitis	2	-	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	9
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1
All other accidents	1	2	3
Suicide	2	2	4
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The following table gives the percentage of deaths in the principal age groups.

Under 1 year	1.28
1 - 4 years	-
5 - 14 years	.64
15 - 64 years	26.92
65 and over	71.16
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#### Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Measles	6
Scarlatina	22
T.B. (Pul.)	4
Scarlet fever	6
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#### Food Hygiene

This continues to receive attention and the details are given later in the report.

#### Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were reported during 1965.

#### National Assistance Act

Action had to be taken in one instance under the above Act.

Factories Act, 1961

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COUNCIL OF MARCH IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
AND THE ISLE OF ELY

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of	
			Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	9		
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3			
Total	50	9		

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1			
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)					
Total	1	1	-	-	-



## PART VIII OF THE ACT

## OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in inwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing ) Making apparel ) etc., ) Cleaning ) and ) Washing	1					
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						
C/fd	1					



## PART VIII OF THE ACT (CONTD)

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Brt/fd	1					
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stock- ings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL	1					

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## Public Health Inspector's Report for the year 1965

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are details of visits, interviews, inspections and re-inspections carried out in 1965.

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The following tables show defects found and remedied during the year by action under the various Acts. The Offices and Shops Act is shown separately.

	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding at the end of 1965
<u>Sanitary Accommodation and Drains</u>			
Defective sanitary accommodation	3	3	-
Blocked drains	12	11	1
Overflowing cesspool	4	4	-
Overgrown dykes	1	1	-
<u>Verminous Infestation</u>			
Rats and mice	30	30	-
<u>Factories Act</u>			
Defective sanitary accommodation	1	1	-
C/fd	51	50	1

	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding at the end of 1965
Brt/fd	51	50	1
<u>Housing Defects</u>			
Defective chimney	1	1	-
" door	1	1	-
" walls	2	1	1
" roof	7	6	1
" windows	1	1	-
" stove	2	2	-
" gutters	1	1	-
Cleanliness	3	3	-
<u>Food Hygiene</u>			
Smoking in food premises	2	2	-
Cleanliness	9	9	-
Accumulations	5	5	-
	85	82	3

Table of Notices served during 1965

	Served during 1965	Complied with by 31/12/65
Public Health and Housing Acts		
Verbal	33	31
Letter	8	7
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949		
Verbal	30	30
Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960		
Verbal	11	11
Factories Act, 1961		
Verbal	1	1
	83	80

Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act, 1963

Under the above Act 217 premises are registered and 138 inspections were made during the year. The undermentioned contraventions were found:-

Lack of thermometer	36
No first aid box	28
Defective sanitary accommodation	33
Lack of washing facilities	40
Cleanliness	18
Defective floors	4
Defective handrail	3
Insufficient temperature	6
No abstract	14
Overcrowding	4
Lack of seating	1



## HOUSING

It is interesting to note that during 1965 the Council made 9 Demolition Orders and 2 Closing Orders. 10 houses were actually demolished which included some Demolition Orders made during 1964. 6 families were rehoused by the Council and 3 rehoused themselves.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during 1965.

## DRAINAGE

Since the completion of the subsidiary sewer scheme progress is still being maintained in the conversion of pails and vaults to water closets and each month sees a further increase in the number of water closets provided.

## WATER SUPPLIES

Extensions to the water mains were completed during 1959 and where mains have been laid many new connections have been made to properties.

The following is the information requested by the Ministry:

- (a) whether the water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and in quantity;

Yes.

- (b) where there is a piped supply, whether bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water and where treatment is installed, of the water going into supply; if so, how many and the results obtained; and the results of any chemical analyses; information on the fluoride content of the various supplies should be included wherever possible;

No samples were taken during the year, but the water is known to be examined at regular intervals by the Water Board. The fluorine content is 0.05 parts per million (as F).

- (c) where the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action, the facts as to contamination by lead, including the precautions taken and the number and result of analyses;

The water is hard and has no plumbo-solvent action.

- (d) the action taken in respect of any form of contamination;

There has been no evidence of contamination during the year.

- (e) the number of dwelling houses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains (i) direct to the houses, and (ii) by means of stand-pipes.

(i) direct to houses - 88%

(ii) by means of stand-pipes - 10%

## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There is one licensed site in the area for nine caravans and a further 8 licences are operative in respect of 10 caravans.

## SWIMMING POOL

A new open air heated swimming pool (110' x 42') was opened in May, 1965 and in addition to the daily check carried out by the staff 11 samples were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Cambridge, all the samples being reported as satisfactory. The water is chlorinated, there being a six hour turnover.



## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

At present five premises are registered under the above Act and these are subject to inspection by the R.S.P.C.A. and myself.

## CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

During 1965 1 installation was approved under the above Act.

## RATS AND MICE

The refuse dumps are treated regularly and the sewers have been dealt with in accordance with the recommendations laid down by the Ministry. Infestation in the sewers is almost negligible.

Following the retirement of the Council's Rodent Operator a private Contractor is now employed to deal with infestation generally. A free service is given when infestation occurs in private dwellings and shops.

## PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACT, 1928 and 1936

Under the above Acts 58 licences were issued for the storage of Petroleum Spirit and 2 for the storage of Calcium Carbide.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSE

In circular 1/66 the Minister requests information regarding common lodging houses. There was one registered common lodging house in this district and during 1965 4 inspections were made of the premises. The premises were closed in April, 1965 when the occupier retired and vacated the premises.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

### Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

Two slaughterhouses were licensed during 1965 and the number of animals killed during the year at the two slaughterhouses is as follows:- 2 cows, 11 calves, 575 other bovines, 1166 sheep, 3587 pigs and 17 goats giving a total of 5358, which was well above the 1964 total of 4548. In order to inspect these animals a total of 783 visits was required to the two slaughterhouses and this figure includes 124 evening and Sunday visits.

Mention must be made here of the consideration received from the slaughtermen and butchers whose co-operation does facilitate the easier working of a system of meat inspection.

Seventeen slaughtermen's licences were issued during 1965.

Condemnations include the following whole carcasses:- 1 calf, 2 goats, 4 beasts, 4 sheep and 90 pigs - total 101 which, together with a quantity of offal and parts of carcasses brings the total weight of meat and offal condemned up to 5 tons 19 cwts. 2 st. 3 lbs. which is a decrease on the 1964 figure when the total was 6 tons 6 cwts. 1 st. 11 lbs.

### Other Foods

Tinned and other foods surrendered during the year totalled 247 lbs. 15 ozs.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned  
from 1st January, 1965 to 31st December, 1965

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	575	2	11	1166	3587	-
Number inspected	575	2	11	1166	3587	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	4	-	1	4	90	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	29	1	-	2	47	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	5.7	50.0	9.1	0.51	3.8	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	32	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.89	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



## Food Hygiene

The Minister requests that reports of previous years should be amplified to include the following information:-

- (1) the number, if available, of food premises in the area by type of business:

Green grocery	4
Grocery	24
Butchers	17
Fish shops	11
Bakehouses	3
Confectionery	20
Cafes and restaurants	6
Ice cream manufacturer	1
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In addition there are some 46 licensed premises including clubs.

- (2) the number of food premises by type registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts.

Premises registered for the sale of ice cream . . . .	34
Premises registered for the preparation of meat pies and sausages	20
Premises registered for the sale of fish and chips . . . .	11

- (3) the number of inspections of registered food premises with informative comment as necessary

(Inspections of registered food premises and other food shops generally (including slaughterhouses) are shown on page 8.)

- (4) any new educational activity (e.g. inauguration of clean food guilds or lectures on food hygiene) and the progress of established educational activity.

New posters are regularly exhibited relating to food hygiene and other matters.

- (5) the methods of disposal of condemned food

Where condemnation certificates are issued for tinned food etc. the food is collected and disposed of by the Council. Condemned meat at the slaughterhouses is collected by Contractors and processed for fertilisers.

- (6) where special examination of a stock or of a consignment of food has been necessary, the total quantity as well as the quantity condemned.

(Page 11 shows the weight of meat and other food condemned.)

- (7) reference to the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947 - 1952

11 samples of ice cream were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Cambridge. 10 were passed as Grade 1 and 1 Grade 2.

At the end of the year 34 shops were registered for the sale of ice cream. There is one manufacturer in the area.

(8) reference to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

One hundred and twelve visits and re-visits were made to food premises during 1965 for compliance with the above Regulations. In addition 783 visits were paid to the local slaughterhouses.

(9) details of food premises subject to the Regulations:-

(i) Number of premises	. . . .	132
(ii) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (Wash-basin)	. . . .	132
(iii) Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies (Sinks)	. . . .	132
(iv) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	. . . .	130

In conclusion, I should like to take the opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and my colleagues on the Staff for their helpful co-operation, and particularly to Mr. Littler, the Clerk of the Council, for his valuable advice and assistance.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. BURTON

Public Health Inspector.

18th October, 1966





